

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
DECEMBER 9, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER** The regular meeting for the Duquesne Board of Aldermen was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Gary Heilbrun.

**ROLL CALL** Answering Roll Call were Aldermen Jane Baine, Barbara Welch, Adam Hogan, Chris Ellsworth and Gary Heilbrun. Also in attendance was City Attorney Mike Talley and 12 Guests.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** to the United State of America was led by Mayor Gary Heilbrun.

**INVOCATION** was read by City Clerk Melody Cundiff.

**AGENDA** Motion made by Barbara Welch, second by Adam Hogan to approve the agenda as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, Welch, Hogan and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Rezoning Application for 800 S. Duquesne from R-1 to R-3:

Opened at 7:02pm

There was no opposition to the rezoning. Kevin Parker with Parker Properties at 1115 Illinois spoke to the Board informing them that he plans to purchase the property per R-3 rezoning to put some duplexes on the property there. He has done several rental properties in Joplin and if the rezoning is approved he plans on beginning with the engineering, traffic and storm water studies.

Public Comments: None

Public Hearing closed at 7:07pm

**MINUTES** Motion made by Barbara Welch, second by Jane Baine to approve the November 18th regular meeting minutes as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, Welch, Hogan and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**SPIRE ROAD CUTS** Ryan Conley with Spire spoke to the Board stating that they have abandoned the old main but in order to do that they had to dig a larger hole at 10<sup>th</sup> and Duquesne. Jane Baine thanked him for having them clean up their trash. Ryan also told them that the new 8" line down the east side of the road is for Jasper Products along Duquesne. What is being done on the west side of the road is replacing old pipe with plastic pipe for residential clients. Mayor Gary Heilbrun asked him about the Stop Sign that was at 10<sup>th</sup> and Katherine. The mayor let him know that the city does not have the stop sign and pole. Ryan said he would check into that. It was also brought up to Ryan that the stop light at 13<sup>th</sup> and Duquesne are changing too fast. Ryan responded by saying that he would check into that to see if they did any damage.

**HSTCC-GRANT OPPORTUNITIES** Ryan Cooper with HSTCC presented a couple of contracts to the Board for the Park Committee. The grants have a 10% threshold for the environmental review and administrative duties. He said 3% would be what HSTCC would charge for the grant writing process and 5% for administrative duties for a total of 8% for each grant. He informed them that the Environmental Review would be included in the 3% of the grant writing. He also let them know that with these reimbursable grants the money must be spent first then requested for reimbursement. We can request money every quarter once the project has begun. The 3% that is listed in the contract would only be owed to HSTCC if the grant was awarded otherwise there would be no charge for writing the grant.

**FINANCIAL REPORT & BUDGET SUMMARY** Approved and filed for Audit

**BILL SUMMARY** Motion made by Barbara Welch, second by Jane Baine to approve payment of the bills as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, Welch, Hogan and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**COURT REPORT** October Court Report was presented. Board approved report and filed for audit.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT** Police Chief Kitch was not presented to go over the report.

**BILL 19-29: REZONING 800 S. DUQUESNE FROM R-1 TO R-3**

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Barbara Welch, to place Bill 19-29 on first reading by title only. Chris Ellsworth stated that the P & Z Commission voted to approve this 5-1 to recommend this rezoning. Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Barbara Welch to place Bill 19-29 on second reading by title only.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Barbara Welch, to accept the second and final reading of Bill 19-29 and assign Ordinance #418. Voting in favor were Baine, Welch, and Hogan. Nays: Ellsworth. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS LICENSE** Motion made by Jane Baine, second by Barbara Welch to approve the new Business License. Voting in favor were Baine, Welch, Hogan and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS** Motion made by Jane Baine, second by Adam Hogan to approve the Business License Renewals. Voting in favor were Baine, Welch, Hogan and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**UPDATE OF CITY MATTERS** Alderman Adam Hogan brought up that there was a lot of talk about the sewer rates going up. Mayor Gary Heilbrun stated he met with the Joplin people on the sewer issue and they stated that they are going to help us in other areas like the lift stations and using their equipment to service our lines.

Alderman Barbara Welch asked the city attorney Mike Talley what we could do to collect the delinquent sewer bills. Talley replied that what is owed to the city of Duquesne would be less than what is owed to the city of Joplin. The delinquent amount would be much greater to Joplin and a dollar and cents matter to go to court over. If the city of Joplin does not think it is feasible to go to court then it would not pay for the city of Duquesne to take them to court. Whatever we do should be tied to the city of Joplin.

**ALDERMAN INTERACTION** Alderman Jane Baine asked what was going on at the old Amplify building. Jane Baine also asked if we had any complaints about water in yards north of 13<sup>th</sup> St.

Jane Baine stated she attended the Duquesne PD Activities Committee meeting where it was discussed about what to do with the leftover candy which is a perishable item. It was discussed on how to dispose of this and Jane Baine let the Board know that she will be taking the candy to the Boys and Girls Club.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** Nothing at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS Resolution 19-05: Assign New Address to 2007 S. Stephens Blvd.** Motion made by Jane Baine, second by Barbara Welch to pass resolution 19-05. Voting in favor were Baine, Welch, Hogan and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**510-050** Mayor Gary Heilbrun asked for a motion to accept Neil Snyder and Chevelle Lawver as building inspectors in regards to dangerous buildings. Motion made by Jane Baine, second by Adam Hogan to approve the appointments. Voting in favor were Baine, Welch, Hogan and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**UPDATE OF COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES** Alderman Chris Ellsworth had no additional information to share from the P&Z Commission. Alderman Barbara Welch had nothing to add about the Park Committee.

**OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED NECESSARY** None at this time.

There was no further business, a motion was made by Barbara Welch, second by Jane Baine to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor was Baine, Welch, Hogan and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.